**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):* All important matters are placed before the Advisory Committee. We always do that.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* May I know the lowest number of pupils that is insisted on before giving recognition by the Education Department ?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):* I think, the Hon'ble Member is not aware of the difficulties with regard to institutions like this. Probably to teach one man you may require six teachers here. That is the unfortunate position. Because there is variety of instruments to be used there should be a number of teachers necessary to coach up one or two pupils irrespective of the number on the rolls. Irrespective of the number of pupils you have to keep the minimum number of teachers.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether there are more teachers in the institution than the students ?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):* Before admission I think it was so.

**Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait** *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the number of students will increase in future ?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):* It depends upon the response which the public give to this matter. How can Government know how many would come to learn *kathakali*, etc. ?

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government satisfied that there is public need for this institution to be encouraged ? That is the question that arises.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* To encourage what ?

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Kalamandalam.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Kalamandalam is not an art *(Laughter)*.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* I understand that. I mean the art that is taught in the Kalamandalam.

## MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—ADMISSIONS

**38. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to give the following particulars with regard to the admissions this year (1941) to Junior Intermediate and

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Junior B.A. and Junior B.Sc., classes (separately) of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.—

(*a*) number of students who sought admission;

(*b*) of these, how many were Cochinites;

(*c*) of Cochinites, how many students were there belonging to the "Backward" and "Depressed" classes who sought admission;

(*d*) how many were non-Cochinites of the number who sought admission;

(*e*) from each of the above groups, how many were admitted?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) Please see the statement appended.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I see from the statement that certain students who applied for admission in the Junior B.A., and Junior B.Sc., from among the backward communities have been refused admission and non-Cochinites also have been admitted. How can the Government explain this position?

**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* I am new to this House and the Hon'ble Members will treat me with a little indulgence. May I know what your point is?

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* The point is, when a few students who sought admission from among the backward communities have been refused admission, non-Cochinites have been admitted there.

**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* I can give this assurance to the hon'ble member that not a single non-Cochinite has been admitted in preference to a Cochinite applicant who applied and who turned up for admission. Only when there are vacancies after this, have non-Cochinites been admitted.

**Mr. M. K. Devassy** *(Adur):* May I know, Sir, whether when these vacancies were filled up later on, the case of these depressed class students was considered?

**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* There is no case of any depressed class students here. The Hon'ble Member Mr. Viswambharan's question relates to backward classes.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, whether the Cochinites whose admission was refused were called again before non-Cochinites were given notice for admission?

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**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* They were not called up again. Because they were served with either chance cards or admission cards, and it is only in cases in which in spite of the chance cards and admission cards they have not turned up, admission will go to others.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Are there not Cochinite applicants who have not been given even chance cards?

**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* No non-Cochinite is given admission in preference to a Cochinite.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Even among those admitted as Cochinites how can you know whether all of them are genuine Cochinites or not?

**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* Only from their applications we can know that.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether all the Cochinites were sent chance cards or sure cards?

**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* Up to the maximum capacity, we have issued these cards.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know the maximum capacity?

**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* That varies with groups *(Laughter)*.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* That is, only in cases where there are no sufficient Cochinite applicants to fill up all the seats in a particular group you send chance cards to non-Cochinites?

**Mr. K. Karunakaran Nayar** *(Principal, Maharaja's College):* You are perfectly right.

## CHALAKKUDI HIGH SCHOOL—HANDING OVER OF MANAGEMENT

**39.** മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. എസ്സ്. മണി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിന്ന ഗവൺമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും ദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ചാലക്കുടി ഹൈസ്കൂൾ വല്ല സഹകാരിവ്യക്തികൾക്കും വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുവാൻ ആലോചനയുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഈ വിഷയത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ചാലക്കുടി പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ വല്ല നിവേദനവും ഗവൺമ്മെണ്ടിന്ന ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ:

(എ) ഇല്ല.

(ബി) ഉവ്വ്.

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At the close of the regime of Diwan Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar, the financial condition was enviable. The State had a surplus of nearly a crore of rupees. In the course of the regimes of the next two Diwans both of whom were, be it remembered foreigners to Cochin, the surplus was wiped off and hands were laid on the Palace surpluses. Devaswam funds were diverted and debts to the extent of nearly 1 crore and 35 lakhs have been contracted with certainly no adequate benefits in return. Additional taxations in the shape of income-tax and super-tax were imposed bringing in an additional net revenue of more than 6 lakhs and yet adequate provision for sinking fund to pay off the debts when they mature has not been found possible. It is not my desire to draw a gloomy picture, but I think, it is high time to ask the question: "Whither is Cochin proceeding?" Let us hope our present shrewd, well-informed and enlightened Ruler will steer the ship of administration clear of all shallow waters and dangerous rocks.

*The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.*

C. J. MATHEW
*Secretary to the Council*

## APPENDICES

### (1)

### STATEMENT REGARDING ADMISSION TO THE MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE

*(Please see answer to question No. 38)*

| | *Junior Intermediate* | *Junior B. A.* | *Junior B.Sc.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number applied .. .. .. | 339 | 151 | 113 |
| Cochinite applicants .. .. .. | 318 | 105 | 78 |
| Cochinites { Backward .. .. | 69 | 21 | 9 |
| Cochinites { Depressed .. .. | 15 | ... | .. |
| Non-Cochinite applicants .. .. | 21 | 46 | 35 |
| Number admitted | | | |
| (*i*) Cochinites .. .. .. | 212 | 85 | 52 |
| (*ii*) Cochinites Backward .. .. | 51 | 18 | 7 |
| (*iii*) Cochinites Depressed ... .. | 15 | .. | .. |
| (*iv*) Non-Cochinites .. .. | .. | 11 | 6 |
| Total admissions .. .... .. | 212 | 96 | 58 |

*Remarks.*—Non-Cochinites were admitted *only* after all the Cochinite applicants who turned up for admission were taken in.

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